# **SCOINET**portal for irish education lárshuíomh oideachais na héireann

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Physical Education Resources



Subject: Physical Education

**Topic:** Gymnastics

Class: 1T

No. of Pupils: 23

**Number of lessons:** 6 double lessons

**Length of Lessons:** 75 minutes

**Previous Knowledge and Ability:** They are a first year class that have had no experience of dance in a school setting. For their first few weeks of school they have been working on basic co-ordination skills. Dance will be a very different experience from any of their other classes. Some may have taken part in dance classes outside of school while others will have no formal experience of dance. Some pupils wil

Aims	Objectives	Assessment	
To encourage the	To enable pupils to explore the	Continuous observation of pupils	
development of basic body	themes of travelling, elevation,	performing.	
actions in dance and the use	stillness, gesture and turning in	Pupils perform for their partner	
of these actions to convey a	relation to dance.	and for the class.	
message, feelings etc.	To enable pupils interpret ideas	Tasks involving interpretation of	
	and feelings and to respond to	movement and the use of actions	
	stimuli using dance movements.	to communicate.	
	To enable pupils to use		
	movements to covey feelings,		
	emotions, stories etc		
To introduce pupils to dance	To enable pupils to test new	Continuous observation of pupils	
relationships through	ideas in relation to pair and	performing together.	

	individual, pair and group		group work.	Pupils perform in pairs/ groups
	work and give them the	•	To enable pupils to work in pairs	for the class.
	opportunity to develop and		and groups to create new dances	
	test these relationships and		and movements.	
	how they work.	•	To enable pupils to co-operate in	
			groups to discuss, select and	
			perform dances.	
•	To provide pupils with the	•	To enable pupils to demonstrate	Pupils work together
	tools necessary to actively		an ability to select, create and	individually, in pairs and in
	take part in dance creation		perform a short dance based on	groups to create and perform
	and to foster their creativity		specific themes.	dances for their partner and the
	while doing this.	•	To enable pupils to demonstrate	class.
			an understanding of the basic	
			concepts of the Laban	
			Movement Analysis which	
			includes space, time, dynamics,	
			levels etc when working in	
			groups.	
		•	To enable pupils to use their	
			imaginations to create dance	
			movements which convey their	
			ideas, thoughts and feelings.	
•	To develop in the pupils an	•	To enable pupils to apply a	Continuous observation of pupils
	appreciation of the aesthetic		movement quality to their own	movements.
	nature of dance and the value		performance through the	Self evaluation.
	of movement quality for use		examination of technique,	Pupils analyse and critique their
	in their own dance and the		expressive elements, continuity	and others performance and give
	observation and analysis of		and phrasing.	feedback.
	others.	•	To enable pupils to apply an	Pupils give feedback to their
			understanding of the concept of	partners.
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			movement quality in order to	
			observe and analyse others	
			performances in an informed	
			way.	
		•	To enable pupils to perform	
			dances showing control and	
			sensitivity to the style of the	
			dance and music.	
•	To develop students	•	To enable pupils to develop a	Observation of pupils.
	personally by increasing		confidence in their own ability	Student feedback.
	body awareness/confidence		and body through progressive	
	through creative mastery of		and achievable tasks.	
	the body in a dance context	•	To enable pupils to build	
	and socially through group		relationships with others through	
	interaction.		working together during the	
			class in creating, critiquing,	
			supporting and interacting.	
		•	To enable pupils to develop their	
			team work, co-operation and	
			leadership skills through pair and	
			group tasks	
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# **Rationale for Selection and Structuring of Subject matter:**

## Rationale.

Dance is very different from other areas of the curriculum as it seeks to "provide a context for aesthetic and artistic experience, and enables the student to develop personally, socially and physically". It is a very important aspect of the curriculum that often gets neglected. I think that it gives pupils the opportunity to develop their creativity and imagination, something that is not so available in the other areas of the curriculum. I

have chosen to work with the theme of superheroes for this scheme. I feel that it is a fun and exciting theme that everyone can relate to as we all have heroes. Also this is a mixed class and I think it will appeal to both boys and girls.

### Structure:

Initially we will work on the development of basic body actions. I will use activities and task cards to explore the themes of traveling, elevation, stillness, gesture and turning. I will be trying to encourage pupils to use their bodies to convey something. I will provide them with stimulus to respond to using dance movements and set out activities for them to interpret. These will include word banks, pictures, objects, sounds, music etc. I will also show them other dances and teach them small phrases which they can use. As we move through the six weeks I will look at the movement quality and encourage pupils to use a certain movement quality. We will also start to look at others movement and use the knowledge of movement quality as well as the Laban Movement framework to evaluate others. Relationships are very important in dance. I will give pupils the opportunity to explore relationships through individual, group and pair work. Throughout the course of the scheme I will try to foster pupil's creativity and give them every chance to create and develop their own movements. This will all be valuable for them when they start to create longer dances towards the end of the 6 weeks.

**Resources:** Task cards, pictures, DVDs, rope, string, word bank, music,

### **Organisation of Learning Experiences:**

- Teacher Demonstration
- Pupil practice skills
- Discovery learning
- Guided discovery
- Progressive tasks
- Mixed ability tasks
- Pupils set appropriate goals
- Practical application of knowledge

# **Structure for self appraisal:**

Self Appraisal will be carried out through Post Lesson Appraisals and Weekly Observations. I will look back and evaluate my teaching in terms of strengths of the lesson, weaknesses of the lesson, pupil learning and how this will influence my teaching in the future. I think it's important to not only look at myself and my teaching but also look at student activity and what they got out of the lesson. I think the pupils and their reactions should be the most important factor when evaluating a lesson. Student feedback is a good way to help with this. I think that it's necessary to look at how it will change your teaching in the future because recognise a weakness and don't try to fix that in the future then you are not learning from your mistakes and you will continue to make them.